



## Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

### ***Press Release – March 24, 2005***

#### **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ONE PRACTITIONER OF RESPIRATORY CARE, ENTERS INTO A STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT WITH ONE PHYSICIAN, AND DENIES THE APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OF TWO PHYSICIANS**

##### **Scott R. Forrest, C.R.T.**

At its quarterly meeting on March 4 and 5, 2005, after review and consideration of the case, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found Scott R. Forrest, C.R.T. guilty of the three counts of the Complaint filed against him: (1) two counts of obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice medicine by willfully and intentionally making a false, fraudulent, misleading or inaccurate statement in applying for a license, a violation of NRS 630.304(1); and (2) one count of inability to practice respiratory care with reasonable skill and safety because of the use of drugs or chemical substances, a violation of NRS 630.306(1). The Board revoked Mr. Forrest's license to practice respiratory care in Nevada.

##### **Suresh Khilnani, M.D.**

At its March meeting, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners accepted and approved the Stipulation for Settlement of its Complaint against physician Suresh Khilnani, M.D. Dr. Khilnani admitted to violating NRS 630.3062, by failing to maintain accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient, and was ordered to complete 10 hours of continuing medical education on the issue of documentation of medical records, in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure. In addition, Dr. Khilnani was ordered to pay \$2,500 for costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the matter.

Also at its March meeting, the Board ratified licensure of 87 physicians, 15 physician assistants, and 16 practitioners of respiratory care, and interviewed 23 applicants, all physicians, who were requested to personally appear before the Board.

Of the 23 applicants who personally appeared, the Board denied the applications of 2 physicians:

**Dale Thomas Mericle, M.D.**

The Board denied the application of Dale Thomas Mericle, M.D., pursuant to NRS 630.304(1), based upon his false, misleading and/or inaccurate statements on his two applications for licensure submitted to the Board.

**Ashok Nayaran Pandit, M.D.**

The Board denied the application of Ashok Nayaran Pandit, M.D., pursuant to NRS 630.304(1), based upon his false, misleading and/or inaccurate statements on his application for licensure.

Of the remaining physician applicants who personally appeared, the Board granted licenses to 18, 1 with conditions and 6 subject to passing a peer review or passing a re-certification examination. The Board tabled 2 applications to obtain more information on the applicants, and declined to exercise its statutory discretion to grant licensure by endorsement to the remaining applicant.

Since January 1, 2005, the Board has granted 81 physician licenses administratively, that is, to applicants who met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure. This does not include the applicants who appeared before the Board at the March meeting.

The Board takes pleasure in announcing that Bonnie S. Brand, J.D. has been appointed General Counsel to the Board.